



Attorney Docket No. AUT/008 Cont.

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Group Art Unit : 3676  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☐ a Preliminary Amendment;  
☒ a Reply to Office Action; ☐ a Declaration; ☐ a Power  
of Attorney; ☐ a Submission of Formal Drawings; ☐ formal  
drawings; to be filed in the above identified patent  
application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

☐ A fee for additional claims is not required.  
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE		ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	58	-	38	* =	20	X	\$ 50	=	\$1,000.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	-	3	** =	0	X	\$500	= \$	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+		\$360	= \$	0.00

\* If less than 20, insert 20. TOTAL \$1,000.00

\*\* If less than 3, insert 3.

[ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in payment of the additional claims is transmitted herewith.

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extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a); ☐ \$2160.00 extension fee for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

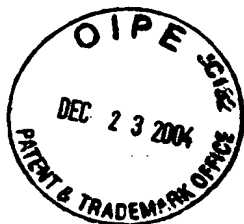


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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2004, which did not address the merits of the application, but required an election of species.

**Amendments of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.